Quarterly Population Highlights

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B.C. Highlights

The population of B.C. was estimated at 4,751,612 as of July 1, 2016, growing by 21,935 persons in the second quarter of 2016 (up 0.5% from April 1, 2016). This is the largest second quarter growth recorded in the last two decades.

Combined net in-migration from all sources (inter-provincial and international) totalled 19,210 persons during the second quarter of 2016. Broken down, net interprovincial in-migration contributed 8,071 persons to population growth while net international in-migration added 11,139 persons. Finally, a natural increase (births minus deaths) of 2,725 had a positive impact on population growth in the second quarter.

B.C. population Apri 1, 2016		**4,729,677**
Interprovincial migration		+ 8,071
Add interprovincial arrivals	+ 22,358	
Minus interprovincial exits	– 14,287	
International migration		+11,139
Add immigrants	+ 11,337	
Minus total net emigrants	– 2,725	
Net change in non-permanent residents	+2,527	
Natural change		+ 2,725
Add births	+ 11,295	
Minus deaths	– 8,570	
Net Change		+21,935
B.C. population July 1, 2016		**4,751,612**

The Last Twelve Months

B.C.'s total population grew by 58,659 persons (+1.25%) over the twelve months ending June 30, 2016, largely due to international and interprovincial migration. On an annual basis, births (+44,495) and interprovincial arrivals (+67,550) were the largest sources of population growth for the province. Net interprovincial migration accounted for a gain of 23,260 and net international migration added 26,229 persons from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. Consequently, more than four in every five persons added since July 1, 2015 could be attributed to net migration from all sources (+49,489). The remainder was due to natural increase (+9,170).

National Overview

The population of Canada grew by 139,645 persons (+0.39%) to 36,286,425 during the second quarter of 2016. Leading the growth at the provincial and territorial level were Yukon (+0.71%), Nunavut (+0.62%), Prince Edward Island (+0.59%), Manitoba (+0.48%), Saskatchewan (+0.46%) and British Columbia (+0.46%). With the exception of Northwest Territories, all remaining jurisdictions also experienced population increases during the second quarter.

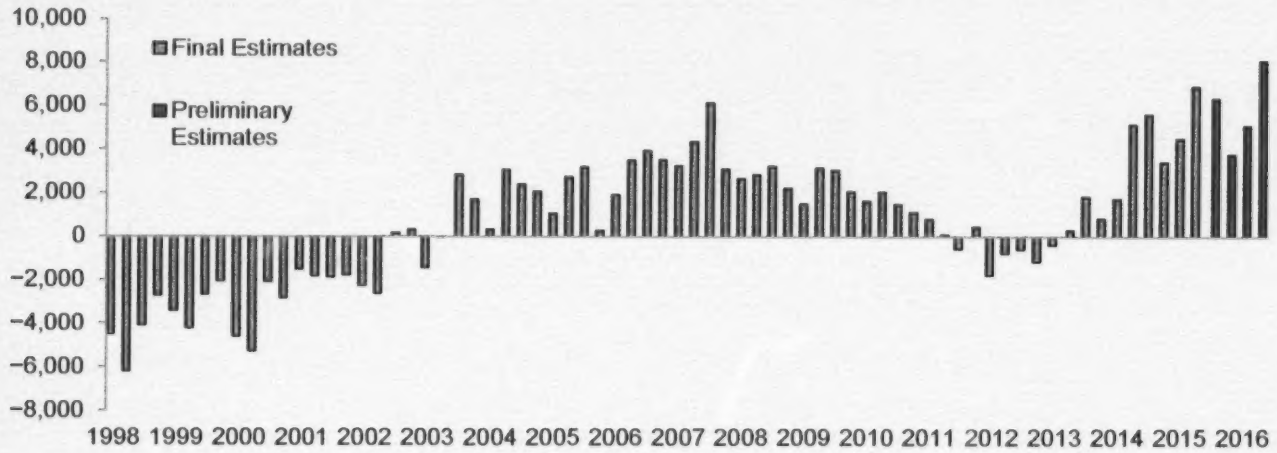
Second Quarter International Migration

Net international in-migration to British Columbia (immigrants plus the net change in NPRs plus returning emigrants less emigrants and persons temporarily abroad) registered a net gain of 11,139 in the second quarter. This is a noticeable increase when compared to the net gain of 3,509 reported for the second quarter of 2015. This second quarter gain is driven by the total number of immigrants arriving in British Columbia from April 1 to June 30 (+11,337, compared to +9,217 registered during the same three months in 2015). In addition, the second quarter NPRs showed a positive net change (+2,527) compared to a net loss in the second quarter of 2015 (–2,993). As for persons leaving B.C. for international destinations, an estimated 2,913 left on a permanent basis and 1,386 were away temporarily in the second quarter of 2016.

Second Quarter Interprovincial Migration

Of the four provinces and territories that reported a net gain in population from other Canadian jurisdictions in the second quarter of 2016, British Columbia showed by far the highest. In B.C. an inflow of 22,358 persons was offset by an outflow of 14,287 for a net population gain of 8,071. British Columbia's net exchange with Alberta was positive, with an estimated 3,629 more persons leaving Alberta for B.C. than those going to Alberta. In addition, B.C. reported positive net in-migration from Ontario (+1,993) as well as positive gains from most other jurisdictions. Ontario was the second highest net recipient in the second quarter of 2016 with a net gain of 3,312 interprovincial migrants.

B.C. Net Interprovincial Migration by Quarter, Q1 1998 to Q2 2016



Source: Statistics Canada. Table 051-0017 Interprovincial migrants, Canada, provinces and territories. CANSIM. Last updated September 28, 2016.

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Did You Know?

Statistics Canada recently reported that "Canadians' overwhelming response enabled the 'best ever' Census in 2016". The overall collection response rate of 98.4 per cent for the 2016 Census of Population is higher than for both the 2011 and 2006 Census programs.

As part of the 2016 Census, some Canadian households received the mandatory **long form (or National Household Survey)**. This form asks questions about a broad range of household properties, including some information about the mobility of the respondents. This information provides some indication of how the population within Canada and its provinces/territories have changed over the last year or since the last census. When viewing the quarterly population changes in this document, it is clear that movement within Canada's borders - or interprovincial migration, as well as international migration play a significant part in how the population evolves over time.

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Table 1: Provincial migration flow (Apr - June 2016)

Origin \ Destination	Nfld	PEI	NS	NB	Que	Ont	Man	Sask	Alta	BC	Yukon	NWT	Nvt
Nfld	—	51	474	200	61	826	87	10	618	192	25	38	24
PEI	43	—	315	72	52	525	—	14	266	124	—	—	10
NS	311	121	—	671	275	1,933	100	91	1,165	705	40	45	8
NB	119	148	730	—	709	1,106	138	102	892	357	3	20	61
Que	218	48	180	455	—	7,261	144	115	1,594	1,194	45	39	33
Ont	649	490	1,954	763	3,467	—	1,203	962	6,126	6,441	187	191	250
Man	97	13	142	98	203	1,673	—	619	1,384	1,636	5	16	29
Sask	116	14	66	15	139	1,260	680	—	2,940	1,431	59	38	8
Alta	900	179	951	780	939	6,361	861	2,776	—	9,978	94	139	44
BC	158	68	386	294	861	4,448	680	719	6,349	—	138	127	59
Yukon	9	11	27	30	17	212	8	9	121	148	—	11	—
NWT	12	7	45	27	19	141	27	32	377	122	75	—	10
Nvt	30	—	48	6	59	249	23	52	5	30	5	29	—
Inflow	2,662	1,150	5,318	3,411	6,801	25,995	3,951	5,501	21,837	22,358	676	693	536
Outflow	2,606	1,421	5,465	4,385	11,326	22,683	5,915	6,766	24,002	14,287	603	894	536
Net interprovincial	56	- 271	- 147	- 974	- 4,525	3,312	- 1,964	- 1,265	- 2,165	8,071	73	- 201	—
Net international										11,139			
Total net										19,210			

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Table 2: Quarterly components of population change in British Columbia

		Interprovincial			International												
Year	Quarter	In	Out	Net	Immigrants	Emigrants	Net NPR	Temporary abroad	Returning emigrants	Net	Total net migration	Births	Deaths	Natural increase	Total increase	Population at end of quarter	Annual growth rate (%)
1996	1	12,402	8,785	3,617	12,197	856	1,777	632	503	12,989	16,606	11,550	7,210	4,340	20,946	3,849,847	2.6
1996	2	17,376	11,771	5,605	12,966	1,207	567	728	987	12,585	18,190	11,927	6,783	5,144	23,334	3,874,317	2.6
1996	3	20,735	14,894	5,841	14,724	2,610	1,787	1,849	1,349	13,401	19,242	11,783	6,305	5,478	24,720	3,899,256	2.5
1996	4	12,215	9,480	2,735	12,138	1,603	– 941	1,429	477	8,642	11,377	10,878	7,240	3,638	15,015	3,914,490	2.3
	Total	62,728	44,930	17,798	52,025	6,276	3,190	4,638	3,316	47,617	65,415	46,138	27,538	18,600	84,015		
1997	1	11,521	11,031	490	13,329	1,269	1,138	1,289	470	12,379	12,869	10,898	7,415	3,483	16,352	3,931,056	2.1
1997	2	14,961	14,147	814	13,044	1,775	832	1,501	780	11,380	12,194	11,755	6,639	5,116	17,310	3,948,583	1.9
1997	3	18,855	17,771	1,084	12,782	3,193	1,055	1,941	1,080	9,783	10,867	11,421	6,413	5,008	15,875	3,964,677	1.7
1997	4	8,692	9,100	– 408	8,693	1,882	– 1,108	1,455	528	4,776	4,368	10,503	6,945	3,558	7,926	3,972,821	1.5
	Total	54,029	52,049	1,980	47,848	8,119	1,917	6,186	2,858	38,318	40,298	44,577	27,412	17,165	57,463		
1998	1	10,657	15,162	– 4,505	9,149	1,355	– 503	1,260	515	6,546	2,041	10,608	7,773	2,835	4,876	3,977,912	1.2
1998	2	13,320	19,520	– 6,200	9,832	1,760	– 718	1,411	934	6,877	677	11,055	6,747	4,308	4,985	3,983,113	0.9
1998	3	13,872	17,961	– 4,089	9,615	3,486	1,421	2,011	1,117	6,656	2,567	11,094	6,542	4,552	7,119	3,990,451	0.7
1998	4	8,639	11,366	– 2,727	7,394	1,816	– 311	1,411	445	4,301	1,574	10,315	6,916	3,399	4,973	3,995,643	0.6
	Total	46,488	64,009	– 17,521	35,990	8,417	– 111	6,093	3,011	24,380	6,859	43,072	27,978	15,094	21,953		
1999	1	8,515	11,951	– 3,436	8,180	1,296	1,032	1,224	555	7,247	3,811	10,243	7,478	2,765	6,576	4,002,433	0.6
1999	2	12,274	16,506	– 4,232	9,085	1,850	2,043	1,423	996	8,851	4,619	10,935	6,829	4,106	8,725	4,011,375	0.7
1999	3	14,999	17,681	– 2,682	10,175	3,709	2,944	1,946	971	8,435	5,753	10,782	6,528	4,254	10,007	4,021,600	0.8
1999	4	7,781	9,844	– 2,063	8,666	2,133	– 1,431	1,441	450	4,111	2,048	9,979	7,182	2,797	4,845	4,026,664	0.8
	Total	43,569	55,982	– 12,413	36,106	8,988	4,588	6,034	2,972	28,644	16,231	41,939	28,017	13,922	30,153		
2000	1	9,272	13,871	– 4,599	8,610	1,546	1,950	1,253	396	8,157	3,558	10,162	7,282	2,880	6,438	4,033,319	0.8
2000	2	11,413	16,679	– 5,266	9,495	2,092	260	1,428	732	6,967	1,701	10,682	6,688	3,994	5,695	4,039,230	0.7
2000	3	15,001	17,096	– 2,095	10,316	3,517	2,320	2,002	956	8,073	5,978	10,378	6,508	3,870	9,848	4,049,297	0.7
2000	4	8,323	11,146	– 2,823	8,992	1,939	75	1,444	385	6,069	3,246	9,450	6,983	2,467	5,713	4,055,229	0.7
	Total	44,009	58,792	– 14,783	37,413	9,094	4,605	6,127	2,469	29,266	14,483	40,672	27,461	13,211	27,694		
2001	1	8,597	10,134	– 1,537	9,428	1,375	2,402	1,244	385	9,596	8,059	9,941	7,311	2,630	10,689	4,066,132	0.8
2001	2	11,417	13,248	– 1,831	10,807	1,748	2,113	1,376	742	10,538	8,707	10,598	7,013	3,585	12,292	4,076,881	0.9
2001	3	16,029	17,902	– 1,873	10,529	5,031	4,922	1,512	1,421	10,329	8,456	10,444	6,794	3,650	12,106	4,085,760	0.9
2001	4	8,365	10,152	– 1,787	7,720	3,261	239	1,057	699	4,340	2,553	9,592	7,244	2,348	4,901	4,087,435	0.8
	Total	44,408	51,436	– 7,028	38,484	11,415	9,676	5,189	3,247	34,803	27,775	40,575	28,362	12,213	39,988		
2002	1	9,244	11,516	– 2,272	9,573	1,530	2,703	1,006	617	10,357	8,085	9,605	7,672	1,933	10,018	4,094,296	0.7
2002	2	13,521	16,145	– 2,624	10,202	1,943	297	1,364	1,186	8,378	5,754	10,291	6,989	3,302	9,056	4,100,161	0.6
2002	3	16,089	15,936	153	7,992	4,615	3,746	1,497	1,747	7,373	7,526	10,470	6,854	3,616	11,142	4,108,076	0.5
2002	4	8,925	8,627	298	6,290	3,110	– 409	1,022	805	2,554	2,852	9,699	7,369	2,330	5,182	4,110,032	0.6
	Total	47,779	52,224	– 4,445	34,057	11,198	6,337	4,889	4,355	28,662	24,217	40,065	28,884	11,181	35,398		
2003	1	8,685	10,145	– 1,460	7,954	2,407	1,582	1,086	931	6,974	5,514	9,813	7,546	2,267	7,781	4,114,657	0.5
2003	2	14,379	14,407	– 28	9,688	2,315	1,407	1,337	1,430	8,873	8,845	10,552	6,925	3,627	12,472	4,123,937	0.6
2003	3	15,923	13,093	2,830	9,459	4,099	1,374	1,558	1,828	7,004	9,834	10,395	6,972	3,423	13,257	4,133,968	0.6
2003	4	9,295	7,612	1,683	8,132	3,433	657	1,028	797	5,125	6,808	9,737	7,877	1,860	8,668	4,139,409	0.7
	Total	48,282	45,257	3,025	35,233	12,254	5,020	5,009	4,986	27,976	31,001	40,497	29,320	11,177	42,178		
2004	1	9,984	9,674	310	8,966	2,746	1,098	1,010	762	7,070	7,380	9,740	7,840	1,900	9,280	4,145,498	0.7
2004	2	15,204	12,162	3,042	10,155	3,204	– 509	1,345	1,412	6,509	9,551	10,334	7,174	3,160	12,711	4,155,017	0.8
2004	3	15,109	12,731	2,378	10,362	3,909	2,830	1,544	2,148	9,887	12,265	10,394	7,223	3,171	15,436	4,167,227	0.8
2004	4	10,760	8,705	2,055	7,543	2,969	754	1,039	979	5,268	7,323	10,022	7,687	2,335	9,658	4,173,658	0.8
	Total	51,057	43,272	7,785	37,026	12,828	4,173	4,938	5,301	28,734	36,519	40,490	29,924	10,566	47,085		
2005	1	11,239	10,184	1,055	10,505	2,398	1,537	1,017	928	9,555	10,610	9,761	8,118	1,643	12,253	4,182,755	0.9
2005	2	17,172	14,446	2,726	12,167	2,758	582	1,338	1,671	10,324	13,050	10,455	7,305	3,150	16,200	4,195,764	1.0
2005	3	16,631	13,459	3,172	12,450	3,454	2,969	1,576	2,574	12,963	16,135	10,745	7,111	3,634	19,769	4,212,306	1.1
2005	4	8,948	8,689	259	9,653	2,899	– 483	1,006	1,045	6,310	6,569	9,866	7,701	2,165	8,734	4,217,814	1.1
	Total	53,990	46,778	7,212	44,775	11,509	4,605	4,937	6,218	39,152	46,364	40,827	30,235	10,592	56,956		

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Year	Quarter	In	Out	Net	Immigrants	Emigrants	Net NPR	Temporary abroad	Returning emigrants	Net	Total net migration	Births	Deaths	Natural increase	Total increase	Population at end of quarter	Annual growth rate (%)
2006	1	12,294	10,411	1,883	10,270	2,401	1,734	1,025	1,091	9,669	11,552	9,858	8,054	1,804	13,356	4,228,013	1.1
2006	2	15,223	11,737	3,486	11,473	2,769	639	1,334	1,922	9,931	13,417	10,723	7,445	3,278	16,695	4,241,691	1.1
2006	3	19,163	15,244	3,919	11,021	3,648	3,552	2,094	2,965	11,796	15,715	10,951	7,263	3,688	19,403	4,258,216	1.1
2006	4	12,150	8,639	3,511	9,321	3,102	- 1,913	1,112	847	4,041	7,552	10,197	7,926	2,271	9,823	4,265,161	1.1
	Total	58,830	46,031	12,799	42,085	11,920	4,012	5,565	6,825	35,437	48,236	41,729	30,688	11,041	59,277		
2007	1	11,705	8,467	3,238	7,972	2,734	4,274	1,126	876	9,262	12,500	10,108	8,177	1,931	14,431	4,276,777	1.2
2007	2	15,164	10,827	4,337	9,497	2,836	2,425	1,430	1,533	9,189	13,526	11,123	7,591	3,532	17,058	4,290,988	1.2
2007	3	19,576	13,449	6,127	12,208	3,525	4,751	1,802	2,165	13,797	19,924	11,577	7,563	4,014	23,938	4,312,048	1.3
2007	4	10,587	7,513	3,074	9,293	2,895	- 1,467	1,204	969	4,696	7,770	10,841	7,977	2,864	10,634	4,319,805	1.3
	Total	57,032	40,256	16,776	38,970	11,990	9,983	5,562	5,543	36,944	53,720	43,649	31,308	12,341	66,061		
2008	1	11,851	9,224	2,627	10,127	2,353	2,919	1,197	955	10,451	13,078	10,486	8,574	1,912	14,990	4,331,948	1.3
2008	2	15,382	12,567	2,815	11,592	2,517	4,926	1,558	1,678	14,121	16,936	11,238	7,863	3,375	20,311	4,349,412	1.4
2008	3	16,951	13,739	3,212	12,714	3,293	7,670	1,799	2,038	17,330	20,542	11,738	7,565	4,173	24,715	4,371,250	1.4
2008	4	9,479	7,284	2,195	9,569	2,673	2,305	1,194	896	8,903	11,098	10,814	8,095	2,719	13,817	4,382,189	1.4
	Total	53,663	42,814	10,849	44,002	10,836	17,820	5,748	5,567	50,805	61,654	44,276	32,097	12,179	73,833		
2009	1	11,143	9,672	1,471	9,244	2,275	5,643	1,224	952	12,340	13,811	10,710	8,256	2,454	16,265	4,395,638	1.5
2009	2	13,488	10,371	3,117	10,848	2,094	2,093	1,547	1,562	10,862	13,979	11,428	7,520	3,908	17,887	4,410,679	1.4
2009	3	14,579	11,543	3,036	12,116	2,989	7,119	1,754	2,109	16,601	19,637	11,937	7,674	4,263	23,900	4,431,701	1.4
2009	4	8,899	6,851	2,048	9,231	2,647	1,477	1,217	1,014	7,858	9,906	10,918	7,990	2,928	12,834	4,441,657	1.4
	Total	48,109	38,437	9,672	41,439	10,005	16,332	5,742	5,637	47,661	57,333	44,993	31,440	13,553	70,886		
2010	1	11,474	9,861	1,613	9,629	2,488	4,202	1,199	977	11,121	12,734	10,568	7,896	2,672	15,406	4,454,248	1.3
2010	2	14,517	12,486	2,031	12,895	2,431	- 1,535	1,592	1,776	9,113	11,144	11,218	7,839	3,379	14,523	4,465,924	1.3
2010	3	14,420	12,957	1,463	13,508	3,615	5,225	1,791	1,916	15,243	16,706	11,386	7,461	3,925	20,631	4,483,677	1.2
2010	4	9,639	8,534	1,105	8,153	2,682	- 7,222	1,198	857	- 2,092	- 987	10,654	8,128	2,526	1,539	4,482,338	0.9
	Total	50,050	43,838	6,212	44,185	11,216	670	5,780	5,526	33,385	39,597	43,826	31,324	12,502	52,099		
2011	1	10,899	10,119	780	7,614	2,499	1,316	1,190	841	6,082	6,862	10,531	8,273	2,258	9,120	4,488,643	0.8
2011	2	12,896	12,823	73	9,671	2,524	1,033	1,584	1,548	8,144	8,217	11,337	7,838	3,499	11,716	4,499,139	0.7
2011	3	15,465	16,041	- 576	9,882	3,787	10,997	1,701	2,063	17,454	16,878	11,779	7,497	4,282	21,160	4,520,299	0.8
2011	4	9,757	9,323	434	7,619	3,350	- 1,033	1,384	894	2,746	3,180	10,482	8,356	2,126	5,306	4,525,605	1.0
	Total	49,017	48,306	711	34,786	12,160	12,313	5,859	5,346	34,426	35,137	44,129	31,964	12,165	47,302		
2012	1	10,753	12,542	- 1,789	8,658	2,919	1,876	1,340	900	7,175	5,386	10,403	8,377	2,026	7,412	4,533,017	1.0
2012	2	15,695	16,475	- 780	10,087	2,676	3,267	1,340	1,634	10,972	10,192	11,104	8,023	3,081	13,273	4,546,290	1.0
2012	3	14,439	15,034	- 595	9,029	3,616	9,369	1,666	2,208	15,324	14,729	11,539	7,680	3,859	18,588	4,564,878	1.0
2012	4	7,404	8,562	- 1,158	8,468	2,915	- 3,975	1,342	844	1,080	- 78	10,962	8,444	2,518	2,440	4,567,318	0.9
	Total	48,291	52,613	- 4,322	36,242	12,126	10,537	5,688	5,586	34,551	30,229	44,008	32,524	11,484	41,713		
2013	1	9,975	10,358	- 383	8,105	3,363	2,599	1,381	814	6,774	6,391	10,643	8,647	1,996	8,387	4,575,705	0.9
2013	2	16,690	16,422	268	10,134	2,778	2,608	1,374	1,573	10,163	10,431	10,993	8,088	2,905	13,336	4,589,041	0.9
2013	3	14,145	12,323	1,822	8,928	3,628	11,769	1,630	2,552	17,991	19,813	11,532	7,729	3,803	23,616	4,612,657	1.0
2013	4	9,362	8,555	807	9,045	3,665	- 5,061	1,365	889	- 157	650	10,532	8,593	1,939	2,589	4,615,246	1.0
	Total	50,172	47,658	2,514	36,212	13,434	11,915	5,750	5,828	34,771	37,285	43,700	33,057	10,643	47,928		
2014	1	12,352	10,629	1,723	9,562	3,128	3,047	1,381	862	8,962	10,685	10,581	8,656	1,925	12,610	4,627,856	1.1
2014	2	21,302	16,179	5,123	9,936	2,879	1,917	1,386	1,574	9,162	14,285	11,131	8,011	3,120	17,405	4,645,261	1.2
2014	3	16,558	10,964	5,594	7,989	3,653	11,073	1,630	2,552	16,331	21,925	11,681	7,997	3,684	25,609	4,670,870	1.3
2014	4	10,820	7,401	3,419	7,687	3,693	- 6,931	1,365	889	- 3,413	6	10,875	8,959	1,916	1,922	4,672,792	1.2
	Total	61,032	45,173	15,859	35,174	13,353	9,106	5,762	5,877	31,042	46,901	44,268	33,623	10,645	57,546		
2015	1	15,016	10,524	4,492	6,784	3,151	- 1,929	1,382	862	1,184	5,676	10,587	9,087	1,500	7,176	4,679,968	1.1
2015	2	23,313	16,439	6,874	9,217	2,902	- 2,993	1,387	1,574	3,509	10,383	11,211	8,609	2,602	12,985	4,692,953	1.0
2015	3	18,837	12,501	6,336	10,899	3,666	2,948	1,630	2,552	11,103	17,439	11,677	8,308	3,369	20,808	4,713,761	0.9
2015	4	10,914	7,145	3,769	8,846	3,707	- 8,311	1,365	889	- 3,648	121	10,721	9,044	1,677	1,798	4,715,559	0.9
	Total	68,080	46,609	21,471	35,746	13,426	- 10,285	5,764	5,877	12,148	33,619	44,196	35,048	9,148	42,767		
2016	1	15,441	10,357	5,084	11,750	3,164	- 431	1,382	862	7,635	12,719	10,802	9,403	1,399	14,118	4,729,677	1.1
2016	2	22,358	14,287	8,071	11,337	2,913	2,527	1,386	1,574	11,139	19,210	11,295	8,570	2,725	21,935	4,751,612	1.2
2016	3																
2016	4																
	Total	37,799	24,644	13,155	23,087	6,077	2,096	2,768	2,436	18,774	31,929	22,097	17,973	4,124	36,053		

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Note: Net NPR denotes the net change in Non-Permanent Residents.
Due to revisions on the part of Statistics Canada, the sum of the components may not equal the population change.
"–" indicates no data available. All figures subject to revision.